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70 Years of Diversity Celebrated at 21st International Festival

by Dalia Hernandez

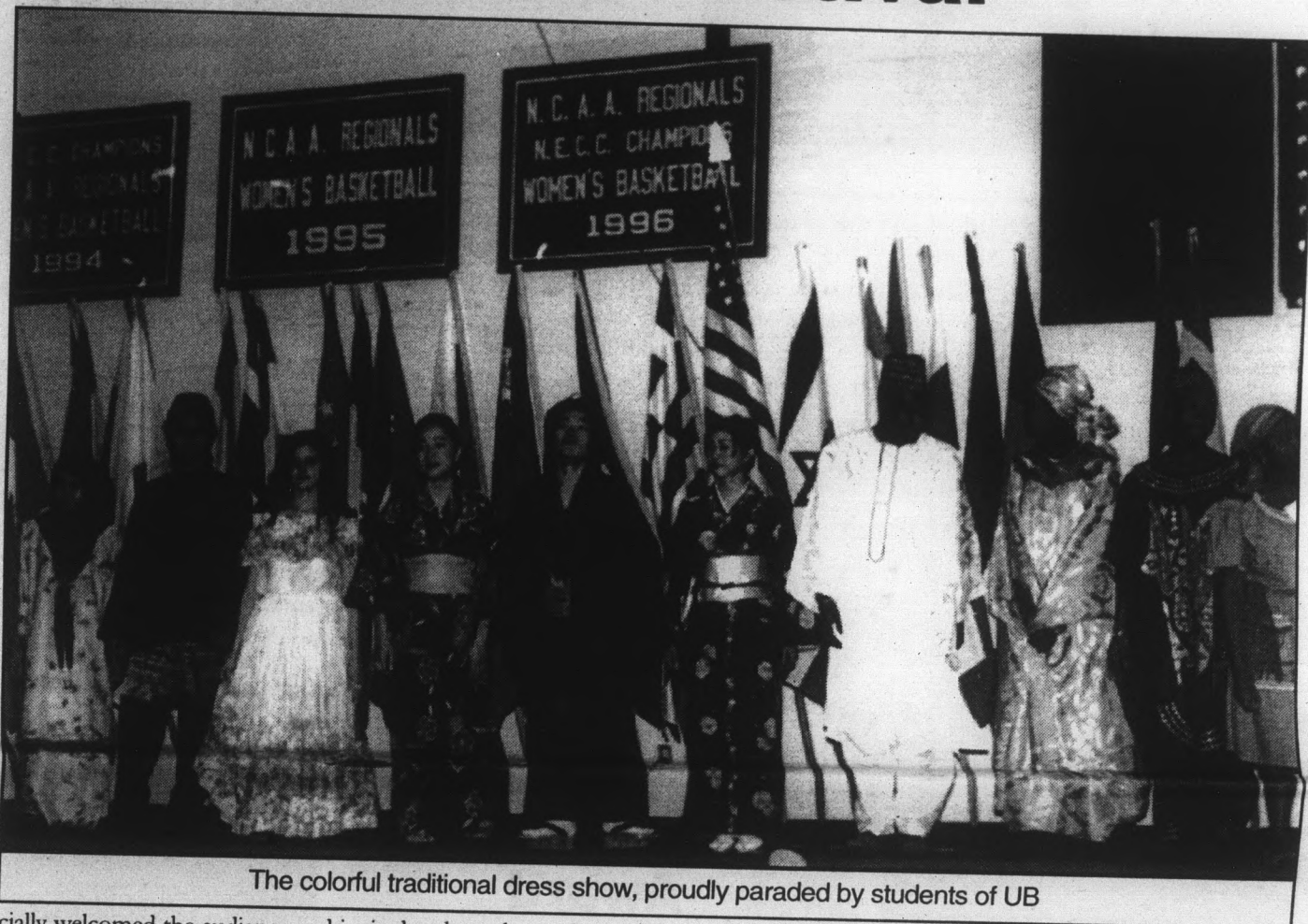
On April 12, the International Relations Club (IRC) celebrated the 21st International Festival at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium. The event coincided with the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the University of Bridgeport.

The festival started at 4pm with visitors and students enjoying a variety of food from 28 different countries. This year was especially fun. Each person had a mini passport that was stamped at each booth as one traveled and tasted the different food.

Erica Roesch, an MBA student, vividly expressed, "The food was terrific, there was a lot of curry chicken! The entertainment was also terrific, I especially liked the performance from Japan. It made me feel like I was in a Broadway show."

The flag procession, which started at 6 p.m., had 51 participating countries. The audience seemed amazed to see that UB enjoys such great diversity. Every flag bearer got up on stage and gave a warm welcome to the audience in his or her native language. The audience gave a big hand to all the flag bearers to show their appreciation and admiration.

After the flag procession the president of the IRC, Surovi Abeyratne, offi-



The colorful traditional dress show, proudly paraded by students of UB

cially welcomed the audience and invited president Richard L. Rubenstein to receive a memento in the name of the IRC club and its members. It was a great way to show appreciation for the achievements that have been attained

through our diversity in these 70 years of existence.

Following the welcoming address was the traditional dress show, in which the students of UB had the opportunity to show off their different and colorful

costumes and dresses. Each participant also had the chance to describe when their dress is usually worn, by whom, and if there is something special about the costume.

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Latin America Discussed at BoA Luncheon

by Aurora Lee

A panel discussion on doing business in Latin America took place on April 9 in the Social Room of the Student Center. The event was organized and sponsored by the Connecticut World Trade Association (CWTA).

CWTA was established in 1986. It is a private, non-profit trade association for Connecticut companies interested in international business. CWTA consists of over 200 Connecticut businesses, united to increase international trade opportunities, and is a sister organization to more than 300 World Trade Centers. The CWTA works with the CT Department of Economic Development, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other trade organizations. Its purpose is to facilitate international trade opportunities for companies in CT. The CWTA sponsors international programs like courses on international business and



The CWTA Panel addressing the business interested audience

leadership seminars for people interested in international business.

The Board of Associates was organized about 60 years ago. The focus of its quarterly Dialogue Luncheons has in recent years been "to make a contribution to the thinking surrounding urban revitalization."

Members of the panel, Dawn Rodriguez, Manager of Export Development for the State of Connecticut's Economic and Community Development, with special emphasis on Latin America, Robert S. Adamsky, Vice President in International Banking with the Chase

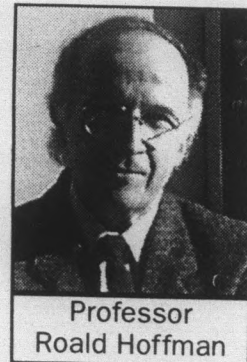
Manhattan Bank in Bridgeport, and James C. Nicholas, Executive Director of Connecticut World Trade Association and Adjunct Professor at Teikyo Post University and at the University of Bridgeport, raised issues concerning Latin America as a potential business opportunity. The region has a population of 460 million people and U.S. companies export approximately \$56 billion of merchandise to that area annually. The discussion focused on three countries in particular: Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina. About 100 businesspeople, bankers,

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Nobel Laureate Speaks About Community and Science

by Nickolai Kralev

"Science is a wonderful system of acquiring reliable knowledge of the universe by curious human beings harnessing their energy in a certain structure," said



Professor Roald Hoffman

Professor Roald Hoffman, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, during his presentation at UB on April 3.

"The popular image of Chemistry is to create explosions, but it actually creates change," said Hoffman. "Generally, we like change, although the society is often afraid of it when it is hard to comprehend the causes," he added.

Hoffman defined Chemistry as the

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News

Exposure on International Financial Transaction

by Markus Nottelmann

UB students got a glimpse of what is involved in export financing at a talk sponsored by the International Business Society on Thursday, April 10, 1997.

Students listened attentively as Robert Adamsky, Vice President of International Banking for the New England Region for Chase Bank, described the various means available to credit managers to conduct international financial transactions.

In particular, he illustrated how the different forms of Letters of Credit work, and how they benefit both parties in a contract. Letters of Credit are a common form of settlement among trading companies, and a relatively secure choice of arranging payment for small, new companies, a fact that many of the potential entrepreneurs in the audience did not miss.

While international finance can be a dry subject matter, the 30-40 people in attendance enthusiastically asked a num-



Robert Adamsky sharing his insights on international finance

ber of questions during and after the talk. One student commented after the talk that he is now considering changing his major to finance.

Mr. Adamsky, who is a graduate of UB, has maintained a strong relationship with the University by hosting a number of interns at Chase. This semester alone, he has arranged the placement of three interns.

Theodora Kostova, a Marketing and International Business double major who is helping Mr. Adamsky with some of the transactions he described in his

talk, told him about the International Business Society and invited him to share his insights with the students.

"I think it was beneficial for students to hear a professional give insights from a practical point of view," said Svet-

lana Yordanova, President of the International Business Society. "This practical aspect is something that is missing from our classes."

The International Business Society was established last semester by students and has since been very successful in hosting informative, often high-profile events that have attracted large audiences. Its next major event will be a talk on international economics and politics by Mr. Balzano, a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. and UB alumni. The event is scheduled for Monday, May 5th.

Student Congress Concerns

by Nicholas King

Student Congress decided at a meeting on April 9 that it does not support the new housing plan, proposed by Director of Residential Life David Oestreicher, and will insist on its revision.

"We have only two dorms, which is not enough for doing experiments like having a whole substance-free residence hall," said Student Congress President Franck Ajisegbe. "There should be substance-free social places on campus, like lobbies and lounges."

The Congress thinks that an issue of such importance should be discussed with the student body.

The Congress will not change its Constitution for the time being, although a committee has been elected to propose changes. Suggestions have been made that the graduate students at UB have the same voting rights as the undergraduate.

Five volunteers from the Congress will accept reservations for the new van for Monday through Thursday.

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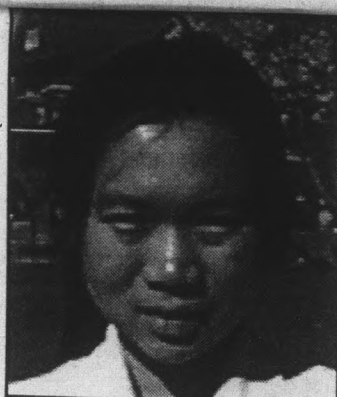
UB Student Wins Gregory Zec Award

by Surovi Abeyaratne

Sze Mei Lim, a senior majoring in International Business and Finance, was one of the three recipients of the Gregory Zec award which is awarded annually by the Southern Connecticut Business Economists Association for outstanding papers in Economics and Finance. Besides UB, other contenders for this award included Fairfield University, University of Connecticut, and Iona College-- all of which are nationally and regionally accredited four year institutions.

According to Dr. Mullings, who is the vice president of SCBEA, Lim's paper on the Prospects and Problems of Multinational Companies in the European Union was selected because it had an edge over other outstanding papers submitted by students. Dr. Mullings added that Lim is a brilliant student who writes clear, incisive, and well researched papers and that he was pleased that the quality of her paper was sufficient to win first prize.

Lim stated that this was an unexpected surprise and that she was very happy about it.



Sze Mei Lim, recipient of the Gregory Zec Award

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politicians, and UB students attended the discussion. They were provided with detailed information on the current economic and political situation and opportunities, risks, and resources available in the countries mentioned earlier. One of the panelists said that American investors and businessmen should look at Latin America with more enthusiasm and faith in its potentials.

The CWTA is holding its next meeting on April 30th in Stamford. The guest speaker will be Shanghai's Vice

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English Speaking Skills Concern Faculty

by Sharon Loh

A Committee on Cultural Diversity was recently put together by faculty to address how students can learn more about other cultures besides their own. Dean Janet Merritt, a member of the committee, says that the committee hopes to come up with ideas "to make even better a great situation" and help people learn about other cultures existing on campus. Initial ideas included the creation of an International House.

However, the committee also showed concern about what seemed to be a cultural problem on campus. It is undeniable that students here on campus tend to speak in their own languages and gravitate into their own cultural groups instead of going out of their way to interact with other people of other countries or cultures. One significant example is the situation in Marina Dining Hall, where most of the students tend to sit within their language group.

Though there are students that intermingle among other students of different cultures and nationalities, there are students who do not take the risk and try to make friends with other students on campus.

There are English professors who are concerned that there is a number of students whose English skills are not as fluent as they should be. This is due to the lack of practicing speaking English. According to English Professor George

Blake, a number of his students (all of different background) admitted that their English speaking skills had deteriorated after coming to UB. It is not because of the education they are getting here, but because they do not put as much effort into practicing the language, as they tend to speak more in their native language. The problem therefore is more of a social one rather than an academic one.

In particular, faculty members seem to be concerned about the senior students that will be graduating from UB. There are a number of cases in which senior students are still weak in language skills. Professor Kimmach, who is an English professor as well as the director of the core curriculum commission, explained that the UB degree certifies proficiency in English. It becomes a problem when the graduates are not fairly fluent in the language.

Students did admit that there are a group of students who have a tendency to separate into groups of their

own culture and background. "Eventually there will be some effect on these students, but people feel more comfortable about speaking their native language... you cannot change that. However, it is not a good idea to only hang around people of the same culture," said one student who did not wish to disclose her name.

Many other students state that a separation has been happening over the past few years. "I have been here for three years, and the situation has not changed," said Hui Lin Lim, a senior majoring in Finance. When asked about this issue, even freshmen on campus admitted that they are concerned about the situation.

Students here at UB are aware of the tendency to stay within one's cultural

group. But for those many students that do intermingle, it doesn't seem to actually matter outside the classroom. In the classroom however, there is cause for concern. In most classes, students tend to sit in their cultural groups in separate corners of the class. It becomes even harder when they do not attempt to communicate with the rest of their classmates, let alone in group work where group participation is needed.

It is the hope of the committee that it will be able "to help individuals communicate better in and outside the classrooms," according to Janet Merritt. The committee may be expanded to include students.

UB Student Designs New Logo for the University Art Gallery

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The former Carlson Art Gallery is undergoing a face-lift. Earlier this year, the gallery's name was changed to "The University Gallery" and, under the direction of Kaz McCue, the gallery itself has undergone a few changes.

McCue has conducted a national search for artists and, with the help of the Gallery Review Committee, has put together a quality schedule of exhibitions for the 1997-98 academic year. Other changes include repair work on the space and new wood floors, which are currently being installed and will make the University Gallery one of the nicest exhibition spaces in the Northeast.

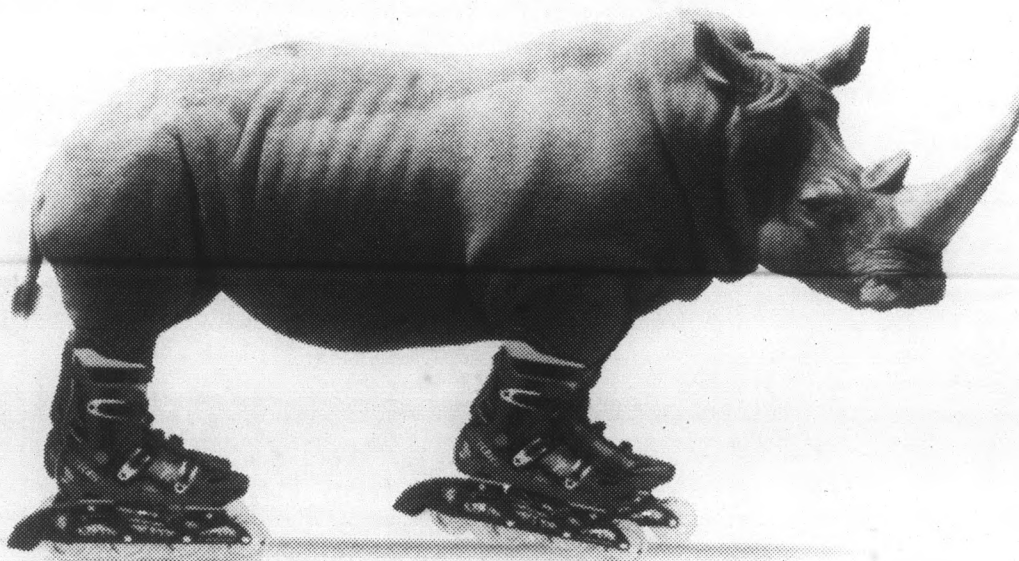
It is only fitting that the gallery's "new look" be completed with the edition of a new logo. Senior Hiroaki Yoshizawa's design was selected by the Gallery Review Committee for use as the gallery's new logo. Yoshizawa's logo will be used on invitations, publications, and on the gallery's letterhead.

The University Gallery, which has been closed for most of the semester for repairs and the installation of the maple floors, will re-open with an exhibition called "Contemporary Visions '97" on April 30th.

The senior show will also be on display and there will be a reception on Saturday, May 3rd from 2:00-5:00 PM, to celebrate the gallery's re-opening. Everyone is invited to stop by and check it out.

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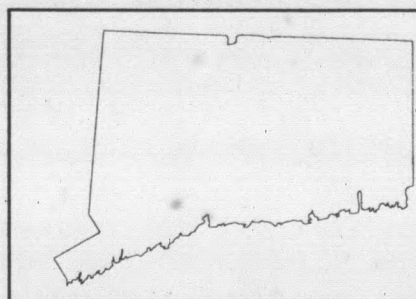


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CT News

School To Warn Parents About Meningitis Case

TORRINGTON, Conn. (AP) A high school student was hospitalized over the weekend for a case of meningitis.

"The teen-age girl was listed in stable condition at an out-of-state hospital on April 12," said James Rokos, director of health for the Torrington Area Health District.

Meningitis is a life-threatening infec-

tion that causes the swelling of the membrane lining the spinal cord and the brain. It is spread through respiratory secretions such as coughs and sneezes.

National Review Editor Says Yale Students Assaulted Him

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) National Review Editor John O'Sullivan said April 11 that several Yale University students assaulted him during a protest over his magazine's depiction of President and Hillary Rodham Clinton with narrow eyes and wearing Chinese clothing.

O'Sullivan said he received a few mild body blows, was jostled, and his clothes were pulled the previous night as he returned to his car following a speech to the Yale Political Union, a consortium of students from across the political spectrum who are known for heated debate.

Many Asian-Americans across the country have expressed outrage since the March 24 issue of the conservative magazine was published, calling caricatures of the president, vice president, and first lady racist and offensive. Vice President

Al Gore was depicted wearing Buddhist robes and holding a cup spouting with money. An article inside discusses Clinton's relationship with Asia-connected fund-raisers.

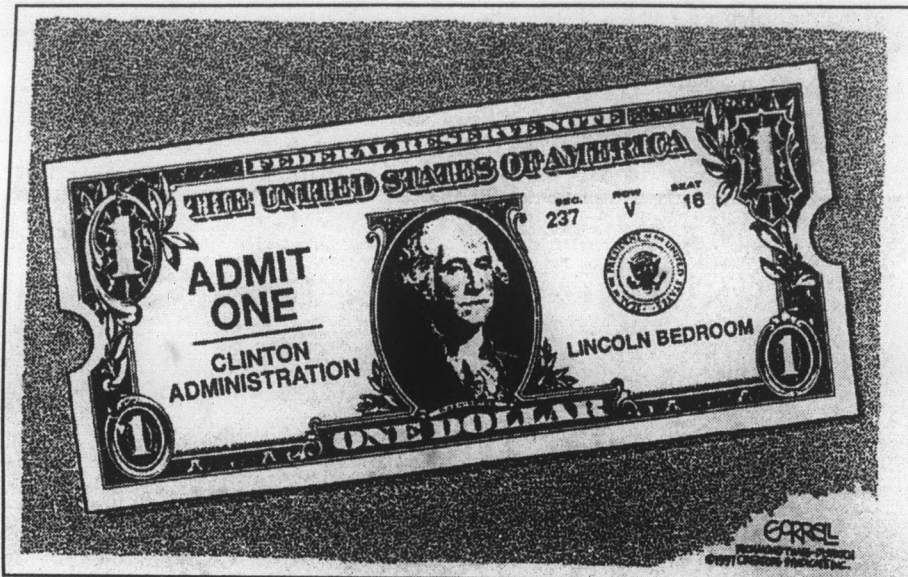
"The protest was to express outrage over the cover and to demand an apology," said Robert Hoo, a 21-year-old senior who was the lone student arrested. "Students wanted an apology because they found it offensive and racist."

Yale's Longest Serving Bulldog Mascot Dies

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) Yale University's longest-serving bulldog mascot, who graced the pages of Sports Illustrated and entertained a former president, has died.

Handsome Dan XIII died in his sleep earlier this week, two weeks before his 14th birthday, university officials said April 11.

Dan XIII, also known as Maurice, was donated in 1984 and defended Yale's sidelines at football games for 12 years. He retired in 1996 but made a brief return after Dan XIV died last August from heat-related problems.



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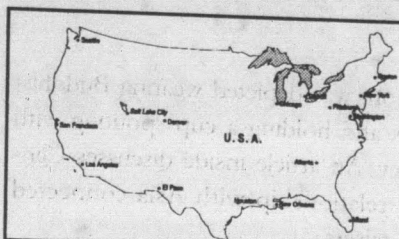
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U.S. News

Reno Rejects Independent Counsel In Campaign Fund Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on April 14 rejected Republican calls for an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-raising, telling Congress that career prosecutors can handle the probe.

"I am unable to agree, based on the facts and the law, that an independent counsel should be appointed to handle this investigation," Reno wrote Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, a Republican.

Scientists Say Cloning Not Needed Now But Maybe In Future

ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP) Studying animal clones is keeping researchers busy now, but scientists warned an ethics panel April 12 that a permanent ban on research into human cloning could stall medical progress.

For now, animal cloning is the most cost effective type of research, said Stuart Orkin, a developmental biologist at Har-

vard University's medical school. Scientists may fall behind, however, if human cloning isn't at least examined, Orkin told the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

Ex-Clinton Partner Faces Sentencing for Whitewater Crimes

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) James McDougal, the Clintons' former busi-

ness partner, drew a lenient three-year prison sentence for 18 felonies after the Whitewater prosecutor told the court his cooperation led to information "previously unknown to us."

McDougal could have gotten up to 84 years in prison. He sent an ominous signal to the Clintons by backing away from his statement a year ago that he expected them to be absolved of wrong doing.



World News

Albright Pledges "No Second Class" Status In Enlarged NATO

WASHINGTON (AP) Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said April 14 that new members in an enlarged NATO would have the same status as current members and that no "second class" status would be created.

Albright voiced the assurance publicly to the foreign minister of the Czech Republic, where concerns have been raised that the future NATO status of former Soviet bloc countries might be compromised by a partnership that the Atlantic alliance is negotiating with Russia.

First Australia-Asia Fiber Optic Cable Inaugurated

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) The first undersea fiber optic cable between Australia and Indonesia has been inaugurated, spanning 2,800 kilometers (1,728 miles) and capable of carrying at least 60,000 telephone calls simultaneously.

The 160-million-Australian dollar cable, which was officially commissioned on Monday, is a joint venture between Indonesia carrier PT Indosat and Australian companies, Telstra and Optus Communications.

The link between Port Hedland in northwestern Australia and the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, is Australia's first direct optic fiber communications link with Asia.

Switzerland Opens First-Ever War Crimes Trial

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) Switzerland opened its first-ever war crimes trial on April 14, presenting its case against a Serb refugee accused of torturing prisoners during the Bosnian war.

Goran Grabez, 32, was arrested

in 1995 when he applied for asylum in Geneva and was pointed out by other war refugees.

Swiss prosecutors say Grabez was a guard at the Omarska camp for Muslim and Croat prisoners in northwestern Bosnia, where he allegedly beat one prisoner to death and injured two others.

Iraq Expects To Earn \$80 Billion from Russian Oil Deal

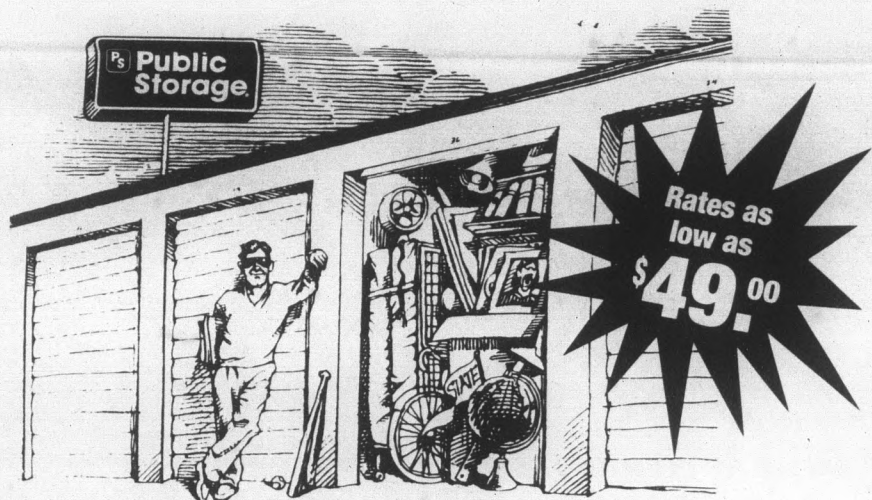
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Iraq will earn more than \$80 billion from a contract it signed with Russia for the development of a huge oil field in southern Iraq, an Iraqi Oil Ministry official said April 14.

Fayez Abdullah Shahin, the ministry's undersecretary, told the official Iraqi News Agency that the West Qurna field is expected to produce at a rate of up to 600,000 barrels a day.

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Campus Life

A Brief Look Behind the Scene Events and the People of the 21st Annual International Festival

by Naing Lynn

International Relations Club of UB hosted the 21st Annual International Festival on April 12 in the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium. This year's event not only displayed the diversity that we have here at UB, it also marked the beginning of the UB 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

This year's festival was intended to be the biggest festival so far since the university administration wanted the event to be part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations.

It was hoped that the event would attract 1000 people from all over the state. An event of such size was a very difficult task for the organizers of the festival. The festival committee, composed of 14 members of the IRC, has been formed since November 96, five months before the festival date, to ensure the festival would be its best.

Sub-committees were created to take responsibility for different areas and each committee was assigned a chairperson.

Everyone on the committees worked hard doing everything from



meeting with the university's administrators to writing letters to the embassies asking for their assistance. They also spent time reminding people of the deadlines and pushing them to register for the festival. Asking people to sign up for booths, flag carriers, and entertainment was the most difficult task that the organizers had to face, since the reaction

tee, especially Dawn Valenti, director of the international affairs and chairwoman of the festival committee, devoted almost all their time during the week of the festival making final arrangements. It was especially hard for those who had to prepare for the festival and at the same time prepare to present their own country.

The day of the festival was the biggest day of the whole process, however. Everyone on the committee was excited that the day had finally arrived, but at the same time worried that something might go wrong.

The room was quickly filled to its capacity soon after the doors were opened at 4:00 pm. Many people went through each country looking at the displays, asking questions, and experiencing the food of each country. People seemed excited to get their passports stamped as they traveled around the world in just two hours.

Monalisa Basu of India and Ashok Regmi of Nepal then got the



from some students was uninspiring, especially for carrying their country's flags.

As the festival got closer, the chairpersons got more and more intense about their activities. Other tedious jobs were creating and designing the passport and the program sheet; and selecting the judges. Rehearsal times were a head ache for

entertainment coordinator Monalisa Basu, performance chairperson Cor Cin Tan, dress show chairperson Cherry Tun, and flag procession chairperson Surovi Abeyratne.

Mike Bilica, setup and planning chairman, took care of booking the gymnasium and ordering the dance floor. He also had to design the layout so it met the safety requirements of the fire marshal and would accommodate the demand of the high number of anticipated guests.

The two advertising chairpersons, Edina Oestreicher (Off-Campus) and Dalia Hernandez, devoted their time to making almost all the flyers required by the committee for advertising and reminding the students about deadlines. They also contacted newspapers and radio stations to place advertisements about the festival.

Most of the people on the commit-

attention of everyone as they presented themselves as the masters of ceremony for the evening and called for order for the flag procession. A big roar of awe and claps filled the whole auditorium when over 50 international students, headed by Mike Bilica of the United States, came out carrying their country's flag with pride.

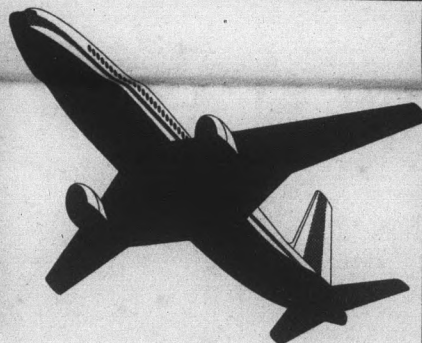
The President of the International Relations Club, Surovi Abeyratne of Sri Lanka, then officially welcomed everyone. She said the festival was "a celebration of the unity [that] we have achieved through our diversity." Having festival committee members from 10 different countries all across the world, working together to accomplish such a big event, was evidence to her statement.

After her speech and the handing of honorary membership and a memento to Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, the president of the university, all the representatives from the participating countries



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walked on to the stage to present their national dress. Over 30 countries, ranging from the Levis Jean of the United States to the Kimono of Japan, presented their national dress.

The climax of the festival then began with the Horo and Rachenitsa dance of Bulgaria and continued with the most applauded and cheered Eskesta dance from Eritrea, beautiful Asyik and Payung dances of Malaysia, and amazing acts and dances done by the Japan students. Many people who came to the festival were amazed to see such a variety of dances and the level of professionalism that the students of UB showed in presenting their traditions and culture.

While the guests enjoyed the festival, the festival organizing committee was behind the scenes, making sure each event of the festival went through flawlessly. The expertise of Monalisa Basu and Ashok Regmi in hosting the festival also improved the appearance of the festival as a whole.

The event was a success both in terms of attendance and the festival events themselves. Over 1000 tickets were sold and people from all over the

state came to experience the cultural diversity and the variety of foods from all over the world. According to Dawn Valenti,



almost all the 1000 tickets that were printed were sold the day before the festival. Despite the storming rain and the strong wind, many people showed up and bought tickets at the door. Even the extra passports, that were printed to give out when the tickets ran out, were sold quickly.

The whole festival, which went



the festival since the beginning of November 96.

Despite the tiredness that was felt the next day, I was amazed to find some of the committee members talking about

smoothly and without any hindrance, was a strong indication of the effort that each member of the festival committee put into

what they should do next year to make the 22nd Annual International Festival an even better one.

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Right after the traditional dress show, it was time for the entertainment. This year, 20 countries participated. The performances ranged from elaborate presentations involving the participation of 20 or 30 students, like in the case of Japan, to ones involving only one or two performers, like in the case of Eritrea. Usually the entertainment is one of the best parts of the festival, next to the food of course, as one student commented.

This year, there was a raffle for a free T-shirt at the UB booth. It was a really neat and fun thing to do. After you traveled to all 28 booths, you could enter the raffle and hopefully be a winner of one of the prizes. There was also a cake to celebrate the 70th anniversary of UB.

After the winners of each category were announced, people joined together to dance to the music of the different countries.

Who would have thought that something that started two decades ago as a banquet sponsored by the IRC, featuring a sit-down dinner catered by the University's food service, would become such a great and successful event? In 1977, the executive committee of the IRC, headed by students from Iran, Nigeria, and the United States, expanded the banquet. They invited students from everywhere to cook food from their native countries, to exhibit their cultural artifacts, and to entertain with their traditional songs and dances. They called it the "festival" and it has since grown to become a tradition at UB.

Each year, students select a theme representing a message that the IRC would like to convey to the community. This year's theme was "Celebrating 70 Years of Diversity at UB" It was another successful International Festival thanks to all the participation, hard work, and contributions of the all the people that made this huge event possible.

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Campus Life

Future Trends in the EE Program of UB

by Shai Bar-Nefy

Through the early nineties the electronic industry suffered a surplus of engineers. The reason for this was that during the Gulf War the army had a great demand for engineers that would work on urgent projects. Later on, when

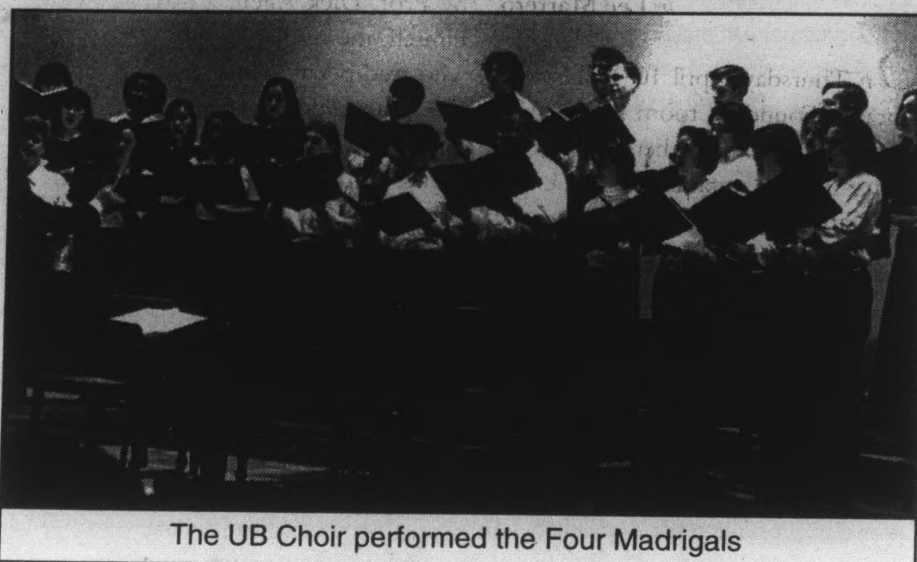
the war was over, the army had no reason to keep those engineers so they had to switch to civilian industry.

Consequently, lots of technical people sought for work while not enough jobs were offered. This situation misled several universities which concluded that electronics was descending. However, those days are over. Today the market is eagerly searching for Electric engineers with a broad knowledge that will complete the development of new technologies that are waiting out there.

Unfortunately, unlike Japan, in America young people prefer being lawyers and businessmen instead of being engineers. Japan, a contender competitor of the US, has half the number of lawyers and as much as twice as many engineers as the US. However, there is a lot of money waiting in the industry for the people with the right education.

It's been 7 years since we have the communication lab that Prof. Jannef started. It's one of the best functioning labs in the school. Also, the department will be buying two new Pen-

Contemporary American Composers Festival



The UB Choir performed the Four Madrigals

by Margaret Hill

On April 10, the twenty-sixth Contemporary American Composer's Festival was held in Littlefield Recital Hall to honor composer Thea Musgrave. The program consisted of musical selections that varied from four Madrigal pieces performed by the University of Bridgeport Choir to pieces played by combinations of piano, violin, flute, guitar, and clarinet.

The selections that were chosen spanned from throughout the composer's life, beginning with her first piece which was written in 1953.

Thea Musgrave was born in 1928 in

Scotland and moved to the U.S. in 1972. She is currently Distinguished Professor at Queens College and has received numerous awards including the Koussevitsky Award in 1974 and Guggenheim Fellowships in 1974-75 and 1981-82.

She has written eight operas and many orchestra, chamber, and choral works. Many of her works are written in what she calls "dramatic-abstract form" which is intended to bring something of the drama of the theater into the concert hall.

The evening entertainment was followed by a reception in which the audience could meet with Thea Musgrave and the performers.



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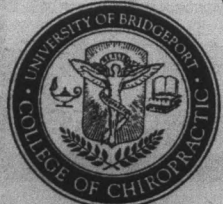
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New Housing Contract Blues

by Scribe Staff Writer

On April 1, our Director of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs, David Oestreicher, issued the housing contract for the 1997/98 Academic Year.

The contract has established Barnum Hall as a completely substance free dorm which states that everyone who wishes to live in Barnum Hall will not use any illegal drugs, any forms of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chews, etc.), or alcohol while in the residence hall.

Also, the third floor West wing will be for females only with no male visitation allowed except for the dorm staff.

Finally, there will be a wing on the fourth floor which will be only for married couples.

During the recent Student Congress meeting on April 9, Oestreicher expressed that he had received numerous complaints about the dorms getting noisy. Often, students with alcohol influence tend to get rowdy and cause a lot of problems in the dorm.

He also went on to say that many students have left the dorms due to this recurring problem. "I haven't made up this rule just out of the blue. I have carried out an extensive survey and

finally come up with this contract," he said.

In response to a query regarding the separate female wing, Oestreicher mentioned the problem that some female students have been facing about the presence of male students in female shower rooms. "This was a serious problem and needed to be solved immediately," he said.

He also stated that separate floors for Naturopathic, Chiropractic, and graduate students have been created due to the fact that these students have been taking up to 29 credits per semester and they need a quiet floor.

The Student Congress strongly protested the contract because the students leaders were not asked for their opinions on the issue of housing plans, which directly relates to student life. They passed a motion to form a task force which would consult with Oestreicher to make sure that their opinions would be heard.

Bodine Hall Government treasurer, Syed Ali Tirmizi said, "It's wrong. Our government will carry out a poll for students and will submit a recommendation to Oestreicher very soon."

SCUBA Does It Again!

by Lee Marrero

On Thursday, April 10, Wahlstrom Library's Founder's room was packed with 40 people who gathered to enjoy a poetry reading organized by SCUBA. Simultaneously, the dedication of the Southwestern Connecticut Poetry Room was achieved. Located on the third floor of the library, the room contains thousands of poems, many of which are donations from UB faculty and staff.

Due to SCUBA's precise planning, there were exactly enough seats to accommodate the guests who came to enjoy poetry readings by two of New England's most prolific poets: Courtney Davis and Rennie McQuilkin. Hosted

by Prof. Dick Allen, a notable poet himself, the reading began with Davis who read poetry that was full of emotion. However, one poem did have a comical twist: The Bellydance, a light rhyme that referred to one of her past-times.

McQuilkin's poetry was more abstract but no less emotional. Creating poems from an array of sources, including his wife's trip to the hospital for surgery, his work leaves the listener yearning to hear more, especially from the artist himself.

SCUBA hosts an abundant amount of cultural events every semester, all of which are worthy of attendance and are educational!

Grafitti Party

by Luis Lebron

On April 12, 1997, Sigma Tau Delta and Omega Alpha got together and invited everyone to join in a "Graffiti Party." This party was to inspire everyone to come together and enjoy themselves and to write on their friends' T-shirts.

The party that started at 9 p.m. was a definite success. Approximately seventy five people showed up, and everyone who went enjoyed themselves. Each person wore a white T-shirt and came with a marker to write messages on each other's

shirts.

For everyone's enjoyment, there was a big screen TV that showed music videos, special effects, and cartoons (at the end of the party). A fog machine and black lights were also used to add special effects to the party.

I must say, as others do, this party was excellent and I hope more people come to the next. "The decorations were great. They were the best decorations that I have seen in the two semesters I have been here," said Fabiola Trivino, a freshman here at UB. To Sigma Tau Delta and Omega Alpha, I give you a hand for a great party.

Student Poll

Question:

What do you think of the new Housing Contract and Do You Think It Will Work?



"It doesn't make sense to give a whole wing for females only, or we should make one wing for all males to be fair. Making Barnum substance

free is too much. If we had more dorms, the perhaps it would be possible."

Anusha Srinivasan



"No, it couldn't work because there are only two dorms. We understand the needs of the other students, but there is no enough accommodation for it. The female floor wouldn't

work because it would be chaotic unless there is strict surveillance."

Eric Thomas



"I don't think it will work. If they want to enforce no drinking in hallways and lounges its fine, but if I were to have a drink in my room, I think it's my privacy."

Angel Varela



"As a resident of Barnum, I think the housing contract is ridiculous and unfair. Maybe it could be logical if there were more than two dorms open, but as

long as I am paying the same amount of money as Bodine residents, then I should have the same privileges."

Naya Johnson



"I don't think it will work because such strick rules must be made by the students since they are for the benifit of the stu-

dents. It's doomed to fail because the students don't support."

Erol Jean-Francois



"What's the point of having one wing of no sisation rights for males? Why shouldn't there be male visitors? If

it should happen, there should be more dorms open because there are not enough students to accomodate that wing. This isn't a jail and he isn't the warden."

Kathy Thompson

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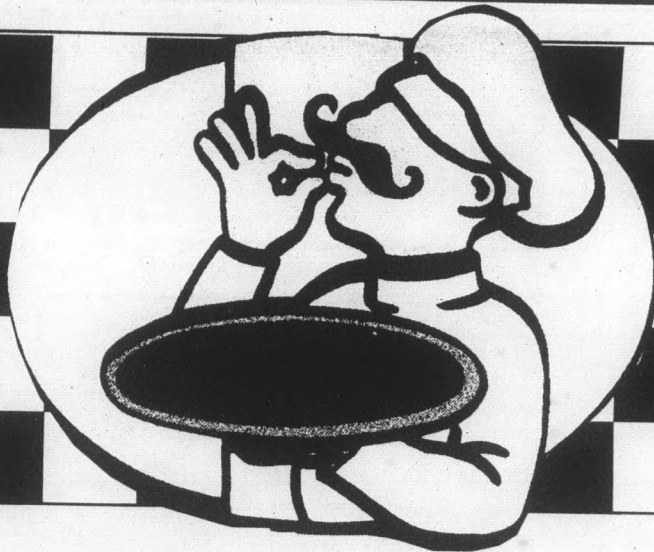
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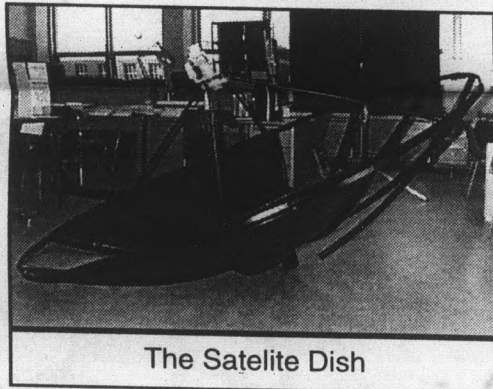
tiums.

There will be a lab that mostly concentrates on the projects of students. There is a modest budget, only \$12,000, but with a faculty of two, so much is not needed. Next year it is hoped to have around \$15,000.

One of the most thrilling and promising field that the EE program emphasises, is satellite communication. Satellites use the Spread Spectrum Technology for broadcasting signals. The expression "broadcasting" originated from the 1920s when the TV was first invented (although it was not used before the 40s). The engineers associated the name of the new technology, with the farmers way of spreading the seeds over the soil. Sited on their wagons, they threw the seeds from the sacks and cast them over a broad area. The same goes for satellites, except satellites use microwaves to broadcast. The traits of microwaves make them excellent for broadcasting, and one satellite can send information to be picked by many station down on earth.

The EE lab purchased a satellite dish that can pick up all the frequencies within the range of popular waves. This includes TV, Radio, Radar signals and more. Looking up to the sky, one should remember that there are approximately 100 functioning satellites.

Indeed, we can count more, however the rest of them 'died' a long time ago, so now they are enjoying a quiet life among angles and asteroids. In a given time, the EE



The Satellite Dish

satellite dish can pick between 10 to 20 satellites. Another interesting fact about satellites is that they are connected in an inter-space network. That means that even if we cannot pick up a broadcast of a satellite since it is out of our range, we might still get the signals through another satellite. Although Murphy and politics don't keep themselves out of space, and can prevent us from doing so, it depends who owns the satellite. Not all the countries will let you use their services. By the way, for those of us who plan to watch HBO in the lab during the weekend, I sadly remind everyone that they should bring descrambler equipment to decipher the information, as the dish is not enough. Seriously speaking, the dish will not be used for TV, but to receive signals for educational purposes.

Another field in communication which the program emphasises is Fiber Optics. This powerful technology which started approximately 20 years ago, allows a stable transmission of information, with great speed and amounts. Fiber optic technology can be divided into two areas. First, long distances, using lasers and glass cables. Using this, we can even send information from



Rudy Bauer Building the Satellite Dish for the Engineering Department.

here to the Far East and be sure that it would get to its destiny clean and fast. It is an expensive technology but it pays back later on..

Second, short distances, using plastic cables and light emitting diodes, We send information using an inexpensive and safe technology. Our concept about glass usually derives from a window or a bottle. That's right, although this is a cheap and contaminated glass. For fiber optics there is a need of pure and flexible glass. Anybody who knows a bit about physics should understand now why the price is so high.

For both technologies, satellites and fiber optics, we use ATM devices to translate the information. It does not matter what we send. An ATM device will translate TV, Radio and Internet into one universal code and push them further on. When they reach their destiny, the ATM will decode them and break them apart back into TV, Radio and Internet signals.

Which way should we go, satellites or fiber optics? The trends are mixed up and predicting with full certainty is impossible. The guess of Prof. Humrcik is that fiber optics will win the race of long distance. It provides great stability so we can sit down and relax knowing that they will work. With satellites, the problem of microwaves is not the weather, like many wrongly think. We know today how to clean the signals quite easily. The issue is the amount of space in the space, sound weird? The problem is that any satellite can transmit and receive a certain amount of information in a given time. We flip through the TV channels and we assume that we are surfing in an unlimited world, but we are wrong. If we saturated a satellite, we would have to launch a rocket that would place a new satellite in an orbit. That implies high costs accompanied by high risk. Recently, using signal processing methods, engineers condensed the signals and doubled the amount of information that we can put on one

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satellite. Like in any other field of life, the possibility for modest and compromising solutions always exists. Recently, engineers developed a technology that will combine both microwaves and fiber optics together. This technology too, is being experimented in the EE labs.

This article was made possible

thanks to Doctor Hmurcik, professor in the EE program, and also to Doctor Jannef, head of the EE program.

(The EE program also specifies in two more fields that were not mentioned in the article).

Nobel from page 1

art, craft, business, and science of substances and their transformations. He compared molecule structures with architecture. They are the building blocks of life – some beautifully simple, others simply beautiful. There are no evil molecules, but evil people, Hoffman stated.

Science, according to him, provides a balance between individual creativity and the sense of community. Chemists make up a very interesting international community with its experience and own language, broken English, said Hoffman. Fraud in science is relatively unimportant, he thinks. An invention of a scientist is always subjected to testing and proving

by other people in the field, so actually there is not much chance of fraud. "To wonder" and "to doubt" means "to be alive" in science, Hoffman added.

In addition to the 1981 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, Professor Hoffman has received many other awards for research in organic and inorganic chemistry. He is the author of over 400 articles and several books in applied theoretical chemistry, the most recent of which are "Reflections Upon Chemistry" (1993) and "The Same and Not the Same" (1995). Dr. Hoffman is also the host of PBS's "The World of Chemistry."

He was born in a part of Eastern Europe that used to be Polish, but now belongs to Ukraine.

Letters Letters Letters

Letter to the Editor

by Lee Marrero

Following the Scribe's issue on April 3 release, much of UB's student body was distraught to learn about UB's continued extensive recruitment efforts in the Far East. Realizing UB's massive East Asian student body, it seems as if Admissions is defeating our school's whole diversity approach to education. Are we at all diverse here at UB? In my and others' opinions we are not. Not unless you believe two English students, one Jordanian student, and the hundreds of Korean and Japanese students equals diversity!

This letter follows a similar one I wrote last year in which Dr. Suzanne Wilcox responded by saying there are many students who want to study abroad and have the funds, and that is the purpose for such recruitment efforts. Simultaneously, Dr. Wilcox labeled me a "racist" for writing such a letter, completely ignorant of the fact that my roommate of choice was Chinese. Furthermore, I believe Dr. Wilcox was shocked when then Scribe editor, Evie

Andreou, inserted a note stating that many students have the same thoughts on UB's bizarre recruitment tactics. Am I a racist because I want UB to keep the promise it made to me when they recruited me a promise that said I would be learning in a diverse environment? Well, the promise has been broken. One freshman cited frustration in being one of only four non Korean or Japanese students out of 22 in his Communication class. Are financial reasons the only purpose UB visits the Orient yearly? I say no, seeing that the PWPA organized UB's trip to Korea.

The University Senate believes that UB's student body is segregated, and it is; seeing that is easy in Marina. They also say that students are graduating who do not even speak English fluently. This is true, also.

Asian students segregate themselves because they can afford to, it is easy for them to preserve their culture in Lafayette Apartments, while the lone student from New Zealand must abandon his culture to study at UB. Diverse, I do not think so!

Letter to the Editor

I totally agree with Lee. I'm sick and tired of sittin in class with these slant-eyed kids who cant even speak English correkly. I dont no why we cant spend munny where it wood do the most good -- gettin in reglar Amerikans!

And, its not jus the Chinks, either. What about than students from those Commie countries? Didnt we kick there butts?

Thanks, Lee. We need more folk like you. Oh, here's my pikchur. Please put it in.



The Chart below indicates where the largest groups of foreign students in the USA come from:

Locality	# studying in the USA
Japan	45,280
China	39,400
Taiwan	36,410
Korea	33,600
India	33,540
Malaysia	13,620

Asian students make up over half of the US international student population (57.3%). At the University of Bridgeport approximately 50% of the international population is from Asian countries, reflecting the national average. UB currently has 641 international students from 66 countries. 320 students are from Asian countries.

This is a yearly publication put out by the Institute of Open Doors 1995/96; Open Doors is a yearly publication put out by the Institute of International Education, New York.

Letter to the Editor

by Franck Ajisegbe
& Lee Marerro

Yep, another International Festival has come and gone. But the 21st International Festival was not just another one. It was more expensive, larger in number, a bigger venue, and had more camcorders than before. Also, a good deal of praise was lavished on Dawn Valenti for her hard work, which in fact she deserves.

IRC President Surovi Abeyratne and her team had good cause to smile for putting up such a breathtaking event that won UB a colorful front page picture in the Connecticut Post.

However, there is one sad thing that the organizers of the yearly event were just not aware of. The competition philosophy attached to the event makes many people angry. Some even called it "foolish". A festival should not be a competition.

When examined carefully, the entire concept of the International Festival can be proven to be nothing more than a competition between countries to determine which has more flavorful food and better talent. But how is it possible to say one individual's culture is better than another? How do you compare Nepal's spicy saucy food to Bolivia's potatoes, and then render a judgment? Therefore, when Poland's food lost to India's, should we conclude that it is not as good? Of course not, they are two distinct cultures and it is absurd to plot

them against each other. The International Festival should be a time when we come together to appreciate and understand other cultures.

I saw one lady who singularly represented her country with the spirit of a patriot. She walked in the flag procession, and bravely presented her native dance, which I believe she practiced for days. "These types of students should be recognized. This is the spirit we need to encourage not a competition among cultures," said Dr. Donna Phillips. "Save the competition for the UB'lympics," said RHA President, Dare Owolabi.

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Sports

Men's Baseball

Purple Knights Show Signs of Improvement

by Chhin Chhay

Halfway through the season, the Purple Knights have the gloomy record of 3

-13-1. Just as coach Baptista expected, the season has started unsuccessfully for UB because of the team's lack of experience. He also attributes the poor results

to his player's lack of mental strength and concentration during the games.

Baptista is, nevertheless, pleased that the team is showing signs of improvement. Most of the games were very close and the Purple Knights almost managed to win against some of the best teams in the Conference.

"At the beginning of the season hitting was not as good as it is now, but pitching was perfect," a player said. "Now it is the other way around. If we succeed in getting good pitching and hitting at the same time, we can be a far more competitive team."

A number of good players were ineligible to play this year because they failed to meet the NCAA academic credit requirements. Coach Baptista is now carrying out intensive recruitment as a result of which several talented players are expected to come on campus next year. They, along with the now ineligible players, will hopefully help in building a solid team.

Baptista is not consoling himself only with the Purple Knights' growth potential, and although the team is looking forward to the future, they have not given up the fight this season.

World Sport

International Soccer Match Against Racism

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) The AIFP international soccer union, supported by such stars as France's Eric Cantona and Brazil's Rai, said Monday it will organize an international match against racism this fall. "I will be very proud to play this game," said Cantona, captain of England's Manchester United.

International soccer has been hit by a series of racist scandals this season, including Liberian star George Weah headbutting an opponent over alleged racist taunts and the head of the European federation calling Africans "blackies."

The 15-nation European Union started its Year Against Racism with a Europe-Africa match in January and was delighted when the AIFP backed the idea for another anti-racism game, probably in September.

The AIFP will organize a benefit match for the union April 27 at Barcelona and will follow it with a testimonial for Jean-MacBosman, probably in Brussels this summer.

Swimming Federation to Enlarge Anti-doping Campaign

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP). Swimming's world governing body FINA will expand its program to test swimmers for drug use.

Since a series of 1994 drug scandals involving Chinese swimmers, FINA has been under pressure to take tougher measures against doping and has responded with a growing program of drug testing.

FINA said Monday it administered

764 out-of-competition tests and 278 in-competition tests last year, up from 379 and 238 in 1995. It plans to enlarge the testing in 1997.

FINA also said world championships will be held every two years instead of every four. Under the new schedule, the championships will be in 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007. The short-course championships will be in 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2004.

FINA also recognized the swimming federations of Palestine and St. Vincent and the Grenadines as new members, bringing total membership to 168.

IOC Member Says Public Ambivalence Could Undermine Stockholm Bid

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP). The Swedish capital's bid for the 2004 Olympics is impressive on the surface, but could be undermined by public opposition.

IOC member Roy Anthony Bridge of Jamaica told a news conference Monday at the end of a three-day inspection tour of the city that "I don't think the quality of the preparations ... will be any higher" in the cities competing with Stockholm for the games.

However, Swedes have shown wide reluctance to turn their capital over to an onslaught of visitors. Recent polls have indicated only about half the people support holding the games in Stockholm.

"Fifty-fifty isn't good enough," Bridge said. "We don't expect 101 percent support, but certainly if a city or a country is divided about the games, it's not the atmosphere we want to come into at all."

The IOC will vote in September on which of five cities will get the games. The others in contention are Rome,

Athens, Buenos Aires, and Cape Town, South Africa.

No Burning Desire for Yankees Move to New Jersey, Poll Indicates

TRENTON, N.J. (AP). If the New York Yankees decide to move to New Jersey, team owners better be prepared to pay for a new stadium, most residents say.

The desire for a Yankees presence in New Jersey is not that strong to begin with, the Quinnipiac College Poll indicated Monday, with 44 percent of those polled saying the team should stay in New York and 36 percent saying they should move.

If the Yankees decide to move, 55 percent of those surveyed said the team should pay for the stadium, 29 percent said an independent agency should pay and 7 percent said the state should pay.

The poll, conducted April 1-April 6, who said they were registered voters. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.3 percent.

Australian goalkeeper fined \$16,000 for walkout

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) Aston Villa's Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich was fined \$16,000 Monday for walking out on the club before a game at Derby.

Bosnich stormed out of the dressing room and left Derby's Baseball Ground after learning that he would be on the bench Saturday.

Villa manager Brian Little preferred to start Michael Oakes in goal for the game, which Derby won 2-1.

Bosnich later apologized, but Little said the goalkeeper was being fined two weeks' salary.

"He has said he is sorry, but I did not ask for excuses or reasons for what he did," Little said. "His actions were wrong and he will now get on with playing ... I will fine him as heavily as I possibly can."

Earlier this season, Bosnich was fined \$1,600 by the Football Association for making a Hitler-style salute to Tottenham fans.

Women's Softball Schedule

Thursday, April 17 @ 2:30 pm.	American International
Saturday, April 19 @ 1:00 pm	at Kene State
Sunday, April 20 @ 1:00 pm.	Bently College
Wednesday, April 23 @ 3:00 pm.	University of Stony Brooks
Friday, April 25 @ 2:00 pm.	at Dowling College
Saturday, April 26 @ 1:00 pm.	at Franklin Pierce College
Monday, April 28 @ 3:00 pm.	Assumption College



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